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In re patent application of:

Applicants: Javed Naim Agrewala et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A VACCINE FOR THE TREATMENT OF
TUBERCULOSIS AND OTHER INTRACELLULAR INFECTIONS DISEASES AND
THE VACCINE PRODUCED BY THE PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In view of the Office Action which issued December 8, 2003 and the discussions between Applicants' undersigned representative and Dr. Rodney P. Swartz, entry and consideration of the following amended claims is respectfully requested.

Additionally, in order to avoid payment of a one (1) month extension fee, a request is hereby made to reset the reply period for the outstanding Office Action since the Rule 1.132 Declaration filed October 13, 2003 was originally mis-placed by the Patent Office and the Examiner considered the Rule 1.132 Declaration after the issuance of the outstanding Office Action. Should this request be denied, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account noted below for the necessary one (1) month extension fee.

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